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## **JEFFERSON CITY MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Jefferson City, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for being in possession of child pornography.

**Terry Lee Pratt**, 52, of Jefferson City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City on Oct. 1, 2004. That indictment was unsealed and made public upon **Pratt's** arrest and initial court appearance. At a detention hearing this morning, U.S. Magistrate Judge William A. Knox ordered **Pratt** held in federal custody pending trial, which is set for Dec. 6, 2004.

The federal indictment alleges that **Pratt** was in possession of child pornography on Aug. 19, 2004. According to the indictment, **Pratt** was in possession of at least 150 visual depictions of child pornography that he obtained via the Internet, including at least one visual depiction that involved a minor under the age of 12.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Technical Assistance Team, and the Jefferson City, Mo., Police Department.

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